

HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY)



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Pope FRANCIS

Head of Government

Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro PAROLIN

Government Type

ecclesiastical elective monarchy; self-described as an "absolute monarchy"

Capital

Vatican City

Legislature

unicameral Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State or Pontificia Commissione per lo Stato della Citta del Vaticano (7 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura (consists of the cardinal prefect and 2 other cardinals)

Ambassador to US

Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Christophe PIERRE

US Ambassador

Ambassador Callista GINGRICH

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 0.44 sq km

Land: 0.44 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

temperate; mild, rainy winters (September to May) with hot, dry summers (May to September)

Natural Resources

none

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

supported financially by a variety of sources, including investments, real estate income, and donations from Catholic individuals, dioceses, and institutions; separate Vatican City State budget includes the Vatican museums and post office supported financially by the sale of stamps, coins, medals, tourist mementos, and fees for admission to museums and publication sales

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

NA

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

NA

Exports

NA

Imports

NA

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

1,000 (July 2019 est.)

Population Growth

0% (2014 est.)

Ethnicity

Italian, Swiss, Argentinian, and other nationalities from around the world (2017)

Language

Italian, Latin, French, various other languages

Religion

Roman Catholic

Urbanization

urban population: 100% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: .42% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)